

## SIGHTS AND ATTRACTIONS

- 1 **Fisherman's Wharf** - once one of the busiest ports in Queensland during the Gold Rush, now a popular meeting place and fishing spot for visitors and locals alike. 'Doing a Wharfie' (driving along the Wharf) is a favourite Cooktown tradition. This is also the starting point of the **River of Life Walkway** which meanders through parklands to the Post Office, telling the stories behind the historic sights you pass along the way.
- 2 **Mick the Miner** - in memory of the Palmer River Gold Rush.
- 3 **The Queen's Steps** - made for HM Queen Elizabeth II for her visit to Cooktown in 1970 to open the James Cook Museum.
- 4 **Milbi Wall** - made by local Aboriginal artists, these colourful tiles tell local history from an Aboriginal perspective, from the creation of the Endeavour River to the present day.
- 5 **Jackey Jackey Store** - built in 1886 and a general store for 100 years.
- 6 **James Cook Statue** - this sculpture by Stanley Hammond MBE marks the site of the Re-enactment of Cook's Landing, which takes place every June during the Queen's Birthday weekend.
- 7 **James Cook Monument** - commemorates Cook's landing on 17 June 1770.
- 8 **Cannon** - dating from 1881, and given to protect Cooktown from a Russian invasion.
- 9 **The Cairn** - where Lt. James Cook beached *HM Bark Endeavour* in 1770
- 10 **James Cook Museum** - originally a Convent school built in 1889, and now home to one of the best regional museums in Australia, with the anchor and cannon from the *HM Bark Endeavour*, and excellent Chinese and Indigenous collections.
- 11 **Cooktown Railway Station** - now the Cooktown Creative Arts Association, this building was originally the ticket office for the Cooktown-Laura Railway.
- 12 **Mrs. Watson's Monument** - erected 1883 in memory of a tragic death near Lizard Island.
- 13 **The Old Hospital** - a magnificent timber building from 1879, now the Kingdom Hall.
- 14 **The Old Bank** - built in 1891 for the Queensland National Bank, now home to the Cooktown Historical Society with fascinating exhibitions.
- 15 **Nature's PowerHouse** - Cooktown's Visitor Information and Environment Centre provides visitors with general information about the area as well as the natural history of Cape York Peninsula. Permanent exhibitions include Vera Scarth-Johnson's botanical illustrations of local flowering plants, and the Charles Tanner Gallery, a showcase of Peninsula wildlife. Books, souvenirs, artworks are available, and local food a speciality at the Verandah Cafe.
- 16 **Botanic Gardens** - originally established in 1878, these are amongst the oldest in Australia. Shady pathways through the Gardens lead to Finch Bay.
- 17 **The Cemetery & Chinese Shrine** - a microcosm of Cooktown's colourful history since 1874.
- 18 **Gunpowder Magazine** - built in 1874 and believed to be the oldest brick building in Cape York.
- 19 **Grassy Hill & Lighthouse** - the superb view from Grassy Hill should not be missed, especially at sunrise and sunset. Although steep, it is accessible by 2WD, but too narrow for coaches.

## TELEPHONE INFORMATION

Coastguard - 4069 5655  
 Cook Shire Council- 4069 5444  
 Doctor (surgery) - 4069 5211  
 Emergency - 000  
 Hospital - 4069 5433  
 Police - 4069 5320  
 Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service -  
 4069 5777  
 RACQ - 13 11 11  
 SES - 4069 5399  
 Visitor Information - 1800 17 4895

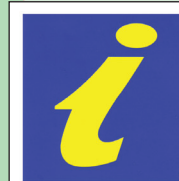
## GENERAL INFORMATION

- B - Bakery
- S - Banks
- CH - Courthouse
- D - Doctors' Surgery
- H - Hospital
- L - Library
- P - Pharmacy
- PS - Police Station
- PO - Post Office
- T - Public Toilets
- S - Supermarket
- SP - Swimming Pool
- TC - Tennis Courts

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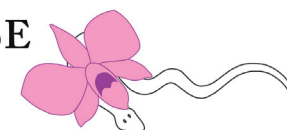


# WELCOME TO COOKTOWN



### NATURE'S POWERHOUSE

Visitor Information & Environment Centre in  
 Cooktown's heritage-listed Botanic Gardens  
 Phone: 07 4069 6004 - Freecall: 1800 17 4895



### SCALE

250m

Walking Track  
 Track Markers -

A detailed Heritage and  
 Scenic Rim Walk map is  
 available from Nature's  
 Powerhouse and  
 accommodation providers.

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